

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
TRANS., INFRASTRUCT. & CAPITALS  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** February 14, 2001                      **Place:** Room 1  
**Convened:** 9:40 AM              **Recessed:**              **Reconvened:**              **Adjourned:** 11:40 AM  
**Present:** Senators Jensen-CH, Soukup-RM, Connolly  
Representatives Gipp-CH, Weidman-VC, Cohoon-RM, Fallon, Huseman, Kuhn, Rayhons,  
Rekow, Warnstadt  
**Absent:**  
**Excused:** Senators Lamberti-VC, McKibben

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gipp and roll was taken. Minutes from the February 13, 2001 meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Gipp then introduced the guest from Saskatchewan, Lindy Kasperski, who is here with a group of representatives from Canada to observe our system.

Chairman Gipp then thanked the group from the Loess Hills Alliance for the apple pie and cherry pie which were served to all members.

Mauri Welte of the Loess Hills Alliance was then introduced and gave the history and outlined the goals of the Alliance. He in turn introduced the Committee Chair for the Economic Development Committee who gave a brief overview. The chairpersons from the Information and Education Committee, the Protection Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and the Executive Committee all gave presentations on the accomplishments and goals of their particular department. Questions were then taken from the floor.

Chairman Gipp then introduced Stephen Spade, General Manager of the Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority. Mr. Spade handed out brochures which briefly described the Employer Support program and the services offered by the MTA. He noted that with the upcoming restructuring of the freeway in Des Moines, it would be an advantage for employers to encourage their employees to take advantage of the services offered by the MTA.

David Reynolds, Legislative Analyst with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, handed out sheets with the Governor's recommendations for the 2002 budget, further explaining differences previously asked about by the subcommittee. Nancy Richardson also discussed the fuel costs and salt budget for this year, explaining that the budget for this year has been fully utilized and there is concern about getting in supplies for next year without an increase in funding. There were several questions posed to Ms. Richardson with a request she return at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Representative Weidman.

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Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairman

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Linda Gesling, Committee Secretary